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SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1880.

The Republican State Convention—
Appointment of Delegates.

A Republican Convention, to be composed of delegates
elected by the Republican voters of West
Virginia at their respective places of meeting, is
hereby called to meet in the city of Wheeling,
on Wednesday, the 24th day of May next, at 10 a. m., to
select delegates to represent the party in the
National Convention, to be held in Chicago
on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June following, to
choose one delegate for the Presidency and Vice-
Presidency of the United States.

The following are the names of the delegates
elected by the Republican voters of West
Virginia at their respective places of meeting, to
represent the party in the National Convention,
to be held in Chicago on Wednesday, the 2nd day
of June following, to choose one delegate for the
Presidency and Vice-Presidency of the United
States.

U. H. WILLARD, Mason County,
J. S. CONNORS, Kanawha County,
J. T. HICK, Mineral County,
G. O. SCOTT, Wood County,
G. H. LLOYD, Ohio County,
T. W. ATKINSON, Ohio County,
W. A. CAMPBELL, Ohio County,
Republican State Committee.

W. J. W. CONNORS, Secretary.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican of Ohio county will hold a Con-
vention at the Court House on Saturday, May 1,
1880, at 2 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to
attend the National Convention, to be held in
Chicago on Wednesday, the 2nd day of June
following, to choose one delegate for the Presi-
dency and Vice-Presidency of the United States.

Each District of the county is entitled to one

delegate in said County Convention, and the Repu-

blican voters are requested to meet on Saturday, May 1,
at 2 o'clock p. m., in the city of Wheeling, Ohio
county District at 2 o'clock p. m., and in the
county District at 2 o'clock p. m., at the usual
places in the several Districts, except that in Tri-

adelphia, they will meet at Law's Hotel in Triad-

Philadelphia, in Liberty District at Centre School House, in
Liberty District at the Brick School House, in
Wood's Run, and in Liberty District at Arden's
Hall, to appoint delegates to said Convention.

A full delegation from each District is earnestly de-

sired.

JOHN F. FREW,
Chairman Co. Ex. Com.

R. J. W. CONNORS, Secretary.

AN EDITORIAL EXPEDITION.

Into the Interior as far as the County

Seat of Barbour, on the way and

the objective Point—Court Day After

Six Months Vacation—A Republican

and Democratic Meeting All in One.

On Monday last the writer hereof left

Wheeling for a trip into the interior of the

State, as far as the historic town of Phil-

lipi, the county seat of Barbour. Leaving

by the 10:35 a. m. train on the B. & O.

road, Grafton was reached between two

and three o'clock in the afternoon, where

a very indifferent dinner was had at the

railroad hotel, and Webster, the "point

divergence" for Philippi and Beverly, dis-

tance of miles from Grafton, on the Parkers-

burg branch, was made at half past three.

It was a rainy day, and there was no cov-

ered vehicle to be had, but there was a gum

wrap or two to be borrowed, (thanks to the

kindness of the old gentleman who keeps

the Adams House) and accented in these

we set out in a Jersey wagon for the spot

where the opening performance of the

war took place nineteen years ago this

coming 3d day of June.

Philippi is 12 miles away from the rail-

road at Webster, and the course is due

South over hills and through vales innum-

erable, but through a country that con-

stantly grows on the eye and the imagina-

tion of the traveler, whether it be the

first or second time he has made the trip.

When I journey into such parts of West

Virginia as Taylor and Barbour counties,

and see the natural capacity of the soil,

and contrast the sparseness of the popula-

tion and the backwardness of everything

in the shape of development, I always

think of that story of the Country Parson

entitled, "Concerning people out of whom

more might have been made."

The present condition of West Virginia

is the legacy that slavery, secession and

Democracy left her, and yet the people of

West Virginia cling to Democracy from

the force of hereditary prejudice and habit,

just as the prisoner of Chillon at last

preferred, after long captivity, his dungeon

and his chains to sunlight and freedom.

We had for our driver a Mr. Gail, a

relative of the editor of the Philippi Plain-

dealer, a very sensible man, who was

born and raised near Philippi, and who

knew all the people, all the farms, and all

the ways of the country, and was not

averse to answering the questions of an

inquisitive newspaper man. In fact he

rather enjoyed it. He took pains to point

out the objects of the trip, and the road,

and the people of the large home of

Robert Davidson, the cattle king of Taylor

county, who used to be in the legislature

along about 1868-69, and who was known

there as he is at home for strong con-

science and general worldly wisdom.

Out of the profile of a manly driver from

the valley of the Greubler he has built him-

self one of the handsomest houses in the

State—too handsome altogether to be left

unattended by any adjuncts in keep-

ing it up.

JOHN S. BURDET.

As we wound along a certain hill side

half way to Philippi, I said to myself this

is the hill on which I met John S.

Burdett returning from the "bat-

tle of Philippi." I remember how

he stood up in the wagon as Will

and Frank Kelly (sons of the Gen-

eral) and myself passed him on that hill

road, and how he triumphantly exhib-

ited a cannon ball that had been shot from

Lander's piece early that morning—

perhaps the same ball that took that

fortunate boy's leg off who had hid in the

stable, and perchance the very same that

so narrowly escaped Col. Bent. But

the same memorable occasion, Burdett

was then living at Pruntytown and

had been a member of the Richmond Con-

vention, and had stood up stout and strong

against the Ordinance of secession, despite

his antecedents in the slave States, and

had come home and taken an active part

in the 15th of May convention at Wheel-

ing. He was full of zeal for the Union

cause, and no doubt he meant and truly

meant to leave that place as an trophy

to his children's children. "The

ways of life are tangled and many there

be that lose their way." The Captain was

like the man who co-operated with the

Liberals in England, and who said that

although they were going to lose the war,

and he only as far as Hara-long, yet he

would travel as far as he went in their

company. And so as Commissioner during

the war, and Senator from the district of

Taylor, Preston and Monongalia after the

war, the Captain traveled a good piece

with the Republicans, but finally switched

off at Hornsblough and went back to his

own.

NINETEEN YEARS.

It was nineteen years since I traveled

up this steep hill side, but the impressions

of the long gone occasion seemed to come

back with remarkable freshness as I re-

called incident after incident, by the way

like the one just referred to. We were

at Grafton when the news came that Mon-

day morning, June 3, 1861, of a great battle

I had seen. Lander's report to the report to

Gen. Morris before we left for Philippi,

and as I did not then know how hard

drank I was impressed by his used up ap-

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